

# City of Joliet Illinois Newsletter

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### Police and Fire Emergency

9-1-1

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(815) 724-4000

### Complaint Line

(815) 724-4005

### Water & Sewer Billing

(815) 724-3820

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

## City of Joliet Yard Waste & Leaf Disposal Guidelines

*Residents are reminded of yard waste, leaf disposal policy in City of Joliet*

All residents disposing of yard waste and leaves in the City of Joliet should place their yard waste and leaves in rigid containers no greater than 32 gallons in size, to be collected on yard waste collection days by Waste Management, at the same time and location as their refuse and recycling disposal.

Residents must clearly mark designated yard waste containers so they are visible from the street. Free yard waste labels/stickers are available at Joliet City Hall and Jewel Foods locations in Joliet. In addition to approved containers, residents may place their leaves in 30-gallon Kraft paper yard waste bags. Yard waste labels/stickers do not need to be placed on the Kraft paper bags but they do need to be placed on reusable containers.

Residents may also rent or purchase a 96-gallon cart from Waste Management for yard waste disposal provided the carts are clearly identified with the "Yard Waste Only" labels. Please note: Once the cart has been identified as a yard waste cart it may only be used for landscape-type waste during the yard waste season. Carts may be obtained by calling Waste Management Customer Service at 815-280-7854.

Yard waste will be collected through Friday, December 8, 2017. Qualified materials consist of grass and shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs, and other materials accumulated as the result of care of lawns, shrubbery, vines, and trees. Residents must bind brush, tree limbs, and branches in bundles not exceeding 4 feet in length. These bundles must not exceed 50 pounds, nor, may any single piece of the

bundle exceed three inches in diameter. Unbundled brush will not be collected. Residents are encouraged to use fallen leaves as mulch and to protect plants over the winter months or consider individual composting on-site as alternative methods of disposing of leaves.

All residents are reminded that the depositing of leaves and branches on sidewalks, in parkways, and streets is prohibited by City Ordinance. The City will not collect leaves that have been placed on sidewalks, in parkways, or on the streets. Any continuing violation of this prohibition could subject the homeowner to a fine of \$150 or more. The City of Joliet specifically prohibits the burning of leaves.

When leaves have been raked into the street, the street sweepers are unable to pick up those leaves as they may be hiding debris (branches, bottles, metal, etc.) and could cause damage to the mechanical equipment. Therefore, the street sweeper will go around leaf piles and the roadway will not be cleared of leaves. The presence of leaves in the street and on the parkway will also close off the drainage openings and create flooding problems, as well as increase the chance of vehicular and pedestrian accidents due to slippery surfaces.

Residents can contract with a local landscaping company to facilitate leaf pick up, raking, and disposal services if they would prefer or if they are unable to handle bagging their own yard waste and leaves. Residents raking their own leaves, who hire an outside company to dispose of them, must rake leaves into piles on their own property. Leaves may not be raked to, or deposited on, a sidewalk, parkway, or onto the street.

## City of Joliet Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours

*Designated "Trick or Treating" hours in the City of Joliet for Tuesday, October 31, 2017, will be 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.*

As you plan for a safe and happy Halloween, please keep in mind these safety tips:

- Houses wanting to be visited by "Trick or Treaters" should leave porch lights on.
- Parents should accompany all young children while "Trick or Treating".
- "Trick or Treaters" should only visit

houses and apartments of people they know.

- Children should take their treats home for parents to inspect before eating.
- Children should be reminded to walk, not run, between houses and use sidewalks when available.
- Remind children to practice caution when crossing the street and cross only at intersections when traffic is clear.
- Motorists should be careful and alert during and around these hours.
- Parents need to purchase, or make costumes, that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.

- To avoid a truly scary Halloween - think a house fire - avoid illuminating your carved pumpkins with real flames. Halloween poses a special risk because people tend to place jack-o-lanterns by their front door or in windows, where they can easily come in contact with flammable materials or get knocked over. For a similar look minus the danger, use battery-operated lights, like LED votives.

Following these safety tips will ensure that we all have a safe and happy Halloween.

## Big Changes for Waste Management Contract in 2018

Big changes are coming to the City of Joliet for your garbage removal services. Starting on January 1, 2018, Waste Management will be picking up recycling on a weekly basis. No more looking out the door to see if your neighbors have their recycling out and wondering if recycling pickup is this week or next week. Beginning January 1, 2018, recycling will be picked up weekly with your garbage.

Also starting on January 1, 2018, Waste Management will be able to pick up electronics and household hazardous wastes from your home through their "At Your Door" program. Waste Management's customer service hours will also be expanded. New Hours beginning on January 1, 2018 will be from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. until noon (12 p.m.) on Saturdays.

The phone number for Waste Management for questions, missed pickups, repair of your garbage/recycling totes is 815-280-7854. All of these changes and more information will be distributed in the next few months to all residents via radio, JCTV (channel 6), newspaper press releases, social media and direct mailings to customers.

## Garbage/Yard Waste/Recycling Information

### No Garbage Pickup

- Thursday, November 23, 2017 - There will be no garbage pickup for Thanksgiving. Thursday and Friday pickup will each be one day late.
- Monday, December 25, 2017 - There will be no garbage pickup for Christmas. Garbage pickup will be one day late that entire week.
- Garbage pickup on Columbus Day, Election Day, and Veteran's Day will take place as usual.

### Last Day for Yard Waste Pickup

- Friday, December 8, 2017 - The last day for yard waste pick up.
- Monday, March 12, 2018 - Yard waste will resume.
- For those who will have a real Christmas tree, set it out after Christmas at your normal pick-up location (curb or alley) on your regular trash day for pick up. If it is 5 feet in length or less, set it out in one piece, but, if it measures more than 5 feet cut it in half. The Christmas trees will be collected until Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

# Hello, Fall!

*Message from Bob O'Dekirk,  
Mayor of Joliet*

### Dear Neighbor,

As the summer months come to an end, I would like to reflect on the many great events which occurred here in Joliet. Our downtown hosted a number of events including the Salute to the Blue parade, New Orleans North, Nitro Night, Star Wars Days, Kidzfest, Brews and Blues, Race Fan Rally, Fiesta En La Calle, and weekly Farmer's Market events. The Fireworks on July 1 at Bicentennial Park was another huge attraction. Also, I would like to thank and congratulate the Joliet Park District for hosting another fantastic Taste of Joliet. Like Star Wars Day and New Orleans North, the Taste of Joliet continues to grow year after year with record crowds coming into our city.



**BOB O'DEKIRK**  
Mayor of Joliet

All summer long the city had work crews regularly doing street, sidewalk, and sewer repairs. On top of that, our employees worked every single weekend to speed up the process of cutting down trees suffering from the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. Thank you to all the men and women who worked hard all summer to help improve our community.

Young people all over our community have now returned to school. I want to wish them all a happy and healthy school year, and thank all our teachers and administrators for the work they do in Joliet schools.

I'd like to wish a happy Veteran's Day to all the men and women in Joliet who have served in the armed forces, and thank them, and their families, for their sacrifice. Please keep all our young men and women currently serving in your prayers during this holiday season. I'm looking forward to the annual Holiday parade downtown on Friday, November 24, 2017 and hope to see you there. On behalf of myself and my wife Rebecca, along with our 3 children, we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see included in our newsletter, contact Peggy Thomas, Communications Coordinator for the City Manager's office, at pthomas@jolietcity.org or call (815) 724-3730.*

## Stay Connected with What's Happening in Joliet

*Staying up to date with what's going on in our City is a perfect way to be involved. Check out these social media options that will help to keep you informed of what's going on.*



**FACEBOOK**  
- City of Joliet, Illinois Government  
- Joliet Police Department  
- Joliet Fire Department



**TWITTER:**  
@TheCityofJoliet

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## Chicago Street Corridor Design Plan

### *Project focuses on the total redesign of the Chicago Street public right-of-way*

The development of a new streetscape design plan for Chicago Street in Downtown Joliet is underway. The project is partially funded by a grant which was awarded to the City from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). The project kick-off meeting in March was a success, with Mayor O'Dekirk providing opening remarks, and the project consultant, Ginkgo Planning & Design, Inc. providing an overview of the planning and design process and receiving preliminary feedback from the Advisory Committee.

The project focuses on the total redesign of the Chicago Street public right-of-way, from Washington Street on the south to the Ruby Street Bridge on the north. An additional exciting component of the project is a design plan for a totally refreshed Van Buren Plaza that will provide a central gathering and entertainment space in the heart of Downtown Joliet. Enhanced pedestrian safety, additional on-street

parking, new street lights, landscaping, and bicycle accommodations will be part of the plan.

The Plan will be developed in the next 12-14 months, with strong community involvement and input from local stakeholders, residents, students and civic leaders, as well as relevant agencies. Planned Community Outreach includes 3 Advisory Committee Meetings, 1 Public Forum, and many small working meetings.

The plan is an opportunity to re-establish the identity of Chicago Street as:

- A Great Street that is Safe for All Modes: Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Cars
- A "Must Stop" for Route 66 Travelers
- A Community Gathering Space for Year-round Events
- A Showcase of Innovative Design in Landscaping, Lighting, Pavements, Crosswalks, Street Furniture, Public Art, Signage, and much more

For more information, please contact Mike Schwarz, Planning Director, at (815) 724-4050 or [mschwarz@jolietcity.org](mailto:mschwarz@jolietcity.org) or visit [cityofjoliet.info/services/community-development/planning-division/chicago-street-corridor-plan](http://cityofjoliet.info/services/community-development/planning-division/chicago-street-corridor-plan).

## ComEd Smart Meter Installations in Joliet

*Customers provided with greater choices and control as well as improved grid reliability*

ComEd customers in Joliet began receiving the benefits offered by smart meters beginning in July of this year. As part of ComEd's \$2.6 billion grid modernization program, ComEd began installing more than 4 million smart meters throughout its service territory this year. In Joliet, more than 57,000 smart meters will be installed by the end of the year.



A smart meter is a digital electric meter that uses two-way radio communications to collect usage information and securely transmits it to ComEd through a wireless connection.

Smart meters provide customers with access to more information about energy use through online energy-management tools that can help customers manage their electric bills. Additionally, because smart meters automatically send meter readings to ComEd, they also help eliminate estimated bills and reduce operating costs that become savings on customers' electric bills.

"Smart meters will deliver the benefits of the smart grid directly to customers' homes and businesses," said Val Jensen, senior vice president, customer operations, for ComEd. "Customers will be able to take greater control of their energy use to become more energy efficient. When fully functional, smart meters will also alert ComEd to power outages automatically and help pinpoint the source of problems, allowing us to restore outages faster."

Just like standard meters, smart meters will measure the amount of electricity a customer uses, not how it is used. To ensure customer privacy, ComEd uses state-of-the-art cryptographic technologies, similar to those used by global financial institutions and the U.S. Department of Defense, to protect against unauthorized access to customer personal information.

"The safety and security of our customers and their data is paramount," said Jensen.

Prior to installation, customers receive a letter from ComEd with details on when their installation will take place. Installation of smart meters takes about 10 minutes.

Even before customers receive a smart meter, they can create a free online account at [ComEd.com](http://ComEd.com) to:  
Find energy-savings tips  
Compare their energy use with neighbors  
Create a personal energy-savings plan

More information about smart meters is available at [ComEd.com/SmartMeter](http://ComEd.com/SmartMeter).

## City of Joliet Snowfall Guidelines

Should the City of Joliet experience a significant snowfall in November and/or December, please refer to the snow guidelines posted on the City's website at: [cityofjoliet.info/residents/snow-removal](http://cityofjoliet.info/residents/snow-removal)

*El Boletín de la ciudad de Joliet está disponible en español*

El Boletín de la ciudad de Joliet está disponible en español. Para ver una copia del boletín en español, por favor visita nuestra pagina [cityofjoliet.info/residents/city-newsletters](http://cityofjoliet.info/residents/city-newsletters)

## Things to know when buying online

The Joliet Police Department occasionally receives calls from individuals looking to either buy or sell items through someone they've met online. Craigslist reports about 80 million ads on its site each month, so even if you haven't met a stranger to buy or sell something online, chances are you know someone who has.

The Joliet Police Department would like to help ensure that our citizens feel safe when engaging in any transaction with a stranger and for that reason we offer the use of either our East or West side police station parking lots. Aside from the police officers that are frequently coming and going from the stations, the lots are well lit and are under constant video surveillance.

Below are a few things you should know for your safety and security when it comes to online purchases.

- Don't reveal personal information
- Remember this is a business transaction, so never reveal Social Security numbers, home or business addresses or banking information.
- Keep your cell phone close
- Have a cell phone in your hand during the entire transaction and be ready to call 911 at the first sign of trouble.
- Don't use your personal email
- Use an anonymous email address to communicate with the buyer or seller.
- Disable caller ID
- Disable caller ID when calling the buyer or seller on the phone. Most cell phone and landline carriers offer this by dialing \*67 before making the outgoing call.
- If it's a high-priced transaction, do it at a bank
- The higher the price of the item involved, the higher the risk of the transaction. Conduct these transactions at a banking facility so a banking professional can confirm the funds have been delivered successfully.
- Always meet during the day
- For your safety, never conduct your transactions at night.
- Never meet at home
- Find a neutral site to meet -- never at your or someone else's home.
- Tell someone
- Tell a trusted friend or family member what you're doing and have another trusted friend or family member accompany you to the transaction.
- Always meet in a public place

The City of Joliet's Police Department parking lots are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Never meet in a location that you feel is unsafe. Joliet Police Department indoor locations are at 150 W. Washington St. in downtown Joliet (the lobby is open to the public from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. seven days a week at that location) and 7196 Caton Farm Road, on the West Side of Joliet (the lobby is open to the public from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday).



## TEENAGE CURFEWS

*Teenage curfews show that in some cities and studies, curfews can drop the rate of juvenile crimes*

Parents say that limiting their nighttime curfew makes them safe from bad activities and helps them get a good sleep to get a good day of learning at school. Teachers say it improves school attendance.

Applying a teen curfew can be an advantage for parents. For example, if a mom set a curfew for her teenage boy to be home at 10 p.m., and he didn't come back by the time of 10 p.m., this would alert the mom that something has gone wrong. Let's take this in another view point. If the mom did not set a curfew for her teenage boy, then she would have no clue what time he would have to be back and she would never suspect him of being in any kind of trouble at all. This might sound silly, but at times curfews can be a life saver because it alerts the parents when their kid is still missing after their curfew. In the long run, it is surely an advantage for parents for making sure their children are safe.

The City of Joliet has a Curfew ordinance (sec. 21-18) that states, "No person who is sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age shall be present at or upon any public assembly, building, place, street, or highway between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following day unless accompanied and supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible companion at least eighteen (18) years of age and who is approved by a parent or legal guardian. Additionally, no person who is fifteen (15) years of age or younger shall be present at or upon any public assembly, building, place, street, or highway between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following day unless accompanied and supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible companion at least eighteen (18) years of age and who is approved by a parent or legal guardian.

The only exceptions to this are if those minors are:

- Engaged in a business or occupation which the laws of the state authorize
- Attending an official school function, religious ceremony or activity, or event sponsored by a not-for-profit community organization registered with the state

- Traveling directly to or from home for any event or activity authorized by subsections (1) or (2)
- On leave from the military and is in possession of that person's military identification card
- An activity involving the exercise of the child's rights protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or Article 1, Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, or both.

Additionally, no parent, legal guardian, or other person having custody of a minor subject to this section shall knowingly permit a minor in his or her custody to violate the hours of curfew and a person convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each curfew violation. The term "convicted" shall include any person who pleads guilty and receives court supervision, community service work, or some other alternate sentencing provisions as a penalty or punishment.

Also the parent or legal guardian having custody of a minor subject to this section shall be liable for any fine or condition of restitution or reparation imposed by a court upon a curfew violator; provided that the curfew violator has not paid the fine or made restitution or reparation within the time ordered by the court, and further provided that the parent or legal guardian has been made a party defendant in all enforcement proceedings against the curfew violator and shall be served with all citations, summons, complaints, notices, and other documents required to be served on the curfew violator defendant.

The parent or legal guardian having custody of a minor subject to this section shall be liable for all costs incurred by the city for providing personnel to remain in the company of a minor who has been arrested as a curfew violator if the parent or guardian does not pick up the minor within one (1) hour after receiving notice from the city that the city is detaining the minor for a curfew violation. The amount to be paid by the parent or guardian shall be based on the hourly wage of the city employee who is assigned to remain with the minor plus the cost of benefits for that employee.



**SAFETY**

## FIREPLACE SAFETY TIPS

*Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned as necessary*

Wood burning fireplaces are designed to provide years of comfort, warmth, and relaxation. To ensure they can do their job, fireplaces require maintenance and proper operation.

Have the chimney inspected annually, and cleaned as necessary to ensure it's clear of obstructions and creosote. Creosote is oil that is released from the burning of wood that is released in the smoke. As the smoke rises and cools, the oil condenses and clings to the interior of the chimney in the form of a black oily residue.

Be sure that a chimney cap is in place to avoid being blocked by debris.

Make sure both a working smoke and carbon monoxide detector are in the home. Have an ABC fire extinguisher available. Make sure the area around the fireplace is clear of flammable materials; they must be at least 36" from the fireplace.

Use a fireplace grate. Always use a firescreen when the fire is lit. Never burn garbage, rolled newspaper, charcoal or plastic in the fireplace.



NEVER use gasoline or any other accelerant to help start a fire. Keep children and pets away from the fireplace.

Never leave a fire unattended. Don't close the damper until the embers are completely out.

Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed. When cleaning out the fireplace, store ashes in a non-combustible container with a tightly fitting lid and place the container away from the house or any other combustible surface (decks / fences).

The best way to ensure the ashes contain no embers is to douse with copious amounts of water.

### NEWS BRIEFS

## Change Your Clocks Back & Smoke Alarm Batteries

The Joliet Fire Department reminds residents to change the batteries in smoke, carbon monoxide and any other type of detection device in your home when you turn your clock back on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

In Illinois, by law, all buildings must be equipped with proper smoke alarms AND carbon monoxide detectors. Ionization, photoelectric, and dual smoke detector units are acceptable. A Fire Safety Checklist begins at home. Test your smoke alarm. Install a smoke alarm on every floor of your home and outside all sleeping areas. All smoke alarms must be placed a maximum of 15 feet from sleeping quarters, at least one on each level (including basements). This is the same for both older and new construction.



- Test the smoke alarms once a month and change the batteries twice a year. (It is recommended that when you change your clocks in the Fall and Spring to also change the batteries in your smoke alarms, carbon monoxide and all detectors.)
- Plan Your Escape - Create and practice a home escape plan with your family.
- Keep Matches and Lighters in a Safe Area - Always keep matches and lighters stored high in a locked cabinet or a locked box. Kids imitate adults, set a safe example.
- Cook Safely - Never leave cooking unattended and keep the cooking area clutter free.
- Give Space Heaters Space - Keep anything that can burn three feet away from portable heaters.
- Extinguish Smoking Materials - Before emptying the contents of an ashtray into the trash, wet the contents.
- Electrical Safety - Replace damaged electrical cords and repair or replace appliances that smell, smoke, or overheat.
- Wired smoke alarms are acceptable as long as they have a back-up battery supply within each unit.

## Fire Chief Reminds Residents to Keep the Wreath Red During Holidays



Fire Chief Joe Formhals reminds residents of the following:

### Keep the Wreath Red:

- All Joliet Fire Stations will have a wreath with red lights affixed to them for the month of December
- The wreath is a reminder to residents about holiday-related fires
- The program is held nationwide
- The wreath bulbs are changed if a holiday-related fire occurs in your City. Examples are Christmas Tree fires, holiday wrapping paper in the fireplace, and electrical circuits overloaded with holiday lights. If one of these type of fires occurs, one red bulb is replaced with a white bulb - hence the phrase - "Help Keep the Wreath Red"



## Joliet Area Historical Museum

*The Joliet Area Historical Museum is located at 204 N Ottawa St., Joliet, IL 60432. Since its opening in the fall of 2002, the museum's main exhibition gallery serves as an introduction to the many stories of the Joliet area and its people. Free parking is the Museum parking lot at the corner of Ottawa and Webster Streets. Metered parking is available curb side. For further event details as they are scheduled, please visit [jolietmuseum.org](http://jolietmuseum.org) or call (815) 723-5201 for all of our exciting Museum happenings.*

*The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays from Noon - 5 pm. During the summer months, from May through October, it is also open on Mondays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. General Admission is \$7 Adults, \$6 Seniors (60+), \$6 Full-time students with valid school ID and \$4 Youth (Ages 4-12). Admission is free to Museum Members and Children ages 3 and under. Joliet Residents receive \$1 off of all general admission levels.*

October 1 - November 5  
**"THIS IS HALLOWEEN"**

Special Exhibit Gallery  
Ever wonder what goes bump in the night? Read about famous local haunts and the history behind Halloween traditions and cultural events. Come check it out...if you dare! Included with general admission.

October 22 >> 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**HAUNTED MUSEUM FAMILY FREE DAY**  
Just the right amount of spooky - not too scary - for your little ones! Get your costumes on and bring the whole family for a special day of activities, giveaways, and Halloween fun! Free to the public.

October 28  
**HAUNTED HISTORY:  
GHOSTS & GANGSTERS OF JOLIET**

Save the date for a tour of infamous sites around Joliet, and hear the true stories of those who are alleged to have never completely left... Are some of our most well-known buildings haunted? We present the history - you decide! Return to the Museum for a haunted feast and "spirits" late into the evening! Ticket Price & Details TBD!

November 4 >> 7:30 p.m.  
**SKIP GRIPARIS -  
"THE GUYS WHO GAVE US ROCK"**

Joliet's own Skip Griparis - actor, comedian, guitarist and man of 1,000 voices - performs his one man hit show chronicling the history of rock and over 50 songs. You haven't seen Skip until you've seen him in our newly remodeled Indoor Auditorium Theater! \$12 Museum Members & \$14 Non-members.

November 16 >> 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
**FALL CRAFT & IMPORT BEER TASTING**  
Indoor Auditorium

A classic event returns: Sample over 40 Craft Beers & Ciders from 12 Brewers from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Learn about Joliet's storied brewery history with a special lecture and exhibit by renowned Joliet Brewery Historian and Collector John E. Bitterman. \$19 Members & \$22 Non-members

November 18 thru January 14  
**TOYS & HOLIDAY TRADITIONS:  
60 YEARS IN THE MAKING**

Special Exhibit Gallery  
See how various cultures from the Joliet area have traditionally celebrated the holidays. This exhibit will also showcase popular toys from the 1950s through present day, in addition to highlighting "the toy of the year". Included with general admission.

December 1 thru  
December 31

**HOLIDAY TREE TRADITIONS**

Help the Museum "deck the halls," and receive bragging rights and visibility for your business or organization: Our second annual "Holiday Tree Traditions" tree-trimming contest returns, and like last year, is free to participate. Throughout the month of December, all Museum visitors will be given a ticket to vote for their favorite tree, with both an adult and children's category. The winning tree will be given a special prize and other recognition following the event. Included with general admission.

December 2 >> 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**DECEMBER DEALS**

Museum Store & Route 66 Visitors Center  
Take in the season with carols, cookies and hot chocolate provided while you shop for exclusive Joliet gifts for the holidays. The shop will also give a 10% discount for all items, 20% for members. Free to attend.

December 15 >> 7 p.m.

**CLASSICAL BLAST PRESENTS: DARK  
SIDE OF THE YULE**

Museum Indoor Auditorium  
Back for its third year, Classical Blast plays mashes and medleys of your favorite Rock & Holiday tunes with a Classical twist! Show starts at 7:00 p.m. \$12.00 Museum Members & \$14 for Non Members.

**RENT THE MUSEUM FOR YOUR NEXT  
SPECIAL EVENT**

Looking for a memorable, affordable experience for your next special event? Look no further than your Museum. Whether a wedding, shower, child's birthday party or class reunion, we will provide the "wow" factor your event deserves! Immerse yourself in our City's history with special guided tours for your guests, and enjoy an overall unique, high end "big city museum" experience without the high end price tag!

The Museum has four unique event spaces that highlight the rich history of Joliet: The chic, urban Houbolt Rooftop Terrace overlooks the historic city center and Illinois Waterway, offering a beautiful bird's eye view of Joliet that cannot be found elsewhere; the newly renovated indoor auditorium allows for guests to enjoy a night amid our spectacular stage and beautiful room.

Our Route 66 visitor center and Discovery room offer spaces for smaller groups while maintaining a historic and unique space for guests of the museum. Non-profit discount rates available. To book a private tour with one of our event specialists, contact Liz: (815) 723-5201 ext. 236 or [e.mcneil@jolietmuseum.org](mailto:e.mcneil@jolietmuseum.org).



# Library Events

**JOLIET**  
Public Library  
Read • Explore • Ask • Discover

**All programs are free to attend. For more information or to register visit [jolietlibrary.org](http://jolietlibrary.org) or call (815) 740-2660.**

**Ottawa Street Branch:** 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet • **Black Road Branch:** 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

October 2 >> 4:30-6 p.m.

## **TELL YOUR STORY CREATIVE NON-FICTION FOR TEENS**

Black Road Branch

Grades 7-12, registration opens Aug 21  
Come learn how to think outside the box when it comes to the format and style possibilities in your writing. While the focus is on non-fiction, many of the things we'll brainstorm and talk about are applicable to fiction.

October 3 >> 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## **GOOGLE SLIDES FOR KIDS**

Black Road Branch

Grades 3-5, registration opens Sept 18  
Learn the basics of Google Slides and tips on how to make a PowerPoint presentation that will wow your teachers.

October 4 >> 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## **PLAY-DOH CLUB**

Ottawa Street Branch

Ages 0-5 with adult, no registration required  
Play-doh Club is once a month in place of Family Story Time. We'll provide the Play-Doh, you provide the creativity.

October 4 >> 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## **PUPPET WORKSHOP**

Black Road Branch

Children of all ages with adult, registration opens September 18  
Get the family together to make marionettes or finger puppets and learn how to make your own puppet theater at home.

October 9 >> 2-3 p.m.

## **DIY FIDGET SPINNERS**

Black Road Branch

Grades 3-5, registration opens Sept 25  
Make your own DIY version of this popular stress relieving toy.

October 12 >> 6-7:30 p.m.

## **START, MANAGE, & GROW YOUR BUSINESS WITH REFERENCEUSA**

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults, registration opens August 25  
Guest speaker, John Carter, with ReferenceUSA will be hosting an interactive lead generation marketing seminar catering to the Joliet business community. Please join us to learn more about how you can assist your business in establishing and growing your book of business with ReferenceUSA.

October 15 >> 2-4 p.m.

## **3RD ANNUAL ROOTBEER FEST**

Black Road Branch

All ages, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver, no registration required  
Celebrate our version of Oktoberfest at our 3rd annual Rootbeer Festival. Sing and dance along with German band, The Happy Wanderers while you enjoy a Rootbeer float made with Joliet's own Hey Hotdog homemade Rootbeer.

October 19 >> 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## **LEAGUE OF THE STRANGE AND UNUSUAL**

Ottawa Street Branch

Grades 5-7, no registration required  
Join the club where you get to decide what we do. Graphic novels? Messy experiments? Anything's on the table. In previous sessions we've made magnetic slime and DIY fidget spinners.

October 26 >> 6-7:30 p.m.

## **GENEALOGY DROP IN**

Black Road Branch

Adults, no registration required  
Curious about getting started with your family tree? Need a quick overview of Ancestry Library Edition? Hit a brick

wall in your research? Drop in for some basic genealogy research assistance with a librarian.

October 28 >> 2-3:30 p.m.

## **MONSTER MASH**

Ottawa Street Branch

Children of all ages with adult, no registration required  
Ghouls and boys of all ages: you are invited to a costume party. Dance to morbid music, play gruesome games, and take home terrifying treats.

October 30 >> 6:30-8 p.m.

## **HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**

Black Road Branch

Children of all ages, no registration required  
Bring the whole family for a Halloween extravaganza. Come in costume for exciting stories, games, crafts, and snacks that will be taking place throughout the library. You will also have the opportunity to meet live Egyptian Fruit Bats and African Straw-Colored Fruit Bats from Incredible Bats.

October 31 >> 4-6 p.m.

## **LET'S PLAY: DAY OF THE TENTACLE**

Ottawa Street Branch

All ages, no registration required  
Join our heroes as they travel through history and try and stop the menacing Evil Purple Tentacle from taking over the world. We will be playing the remastered version of the classic point and click adventure game Day of the Tentacle with a live audience. Light refreshments will be served.

November 4 >> 12-4 p.m.

## **INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY AT YOUR LIBRARY**

Both Branches

All ages, no registration required

Join us for an afternoon of games.

Bring a game to play or use one of the library's games. Try out something new or play an old favorite.

November 13 >> 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## **CANVAS ART**

Black Road Branch

Grades 7-12, registration opens Aug 21  
Make your own canvas art using painters tape and paint.

November 16 >> 6-8:30 p.m.

## **HOME CHEESEMAKING**

Black Road Branch

Adults, registration required  
Good cheese tastes even better when you make it yourself. Impossible, you say? Not at all. Mark Lyons, an experienced home cheesemaker, will show you how to make some simple cheeses right in your own kitchen. He will also talk about the history of cheese making and discuss the ingredients, equipment, and techniques for making soft, hard, and mold-ripened cheeses. Come for the samples.

November 24 >> 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m.

## **SANTA MEET AND GREET**

Ottawa Street Branch

Children of all ages with adult, no registration required  
Join us before the "Light Up the Holidays" parade for cocoa, crafts, and bring your camera to take a picture with Santa.

December 12 >> 6:30-8 p.m.

December 13 >> 10-11:30 a.m.

## **STORIES WITH SANTA**

Black Road Branch

Children of all ages, no registration required  
Santa's helpers will read seasonal stories. Children will have the opportunity to meet Santa and spend time doing activities with their families. This event is co-sponsored by the Will County Reading Council.



## *Annual Light Up the Holidays Parade and Festival*

The Annual Light Up the Holidays Parade and Festival will be on Friday, November 24, 2017.

Activities begin downtown Joliet as early as 10 a.m., and include the Fantastic Fun Fair in the Joliet Area Historical Museum's auditorium, as well as activities in the Joliet Public Library, the Rialto Square Theatre, Gji's Sweet Shoppe, Jitters Coffeehouse, Chicken-n-Spice, Juliet's, Tin Roof, Chevere Latin Café, Joliet Junior College and more. The Tree Lighting begins at 5:15 p.m. in Van Buren Plaza followed by the Light Up The Holidays Parade at 5:30 p.m. down Chicago Street.

## Fall Events at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park

Fall into fun...indoors and out! We have fun for the kids and those young at heart. Parking is free. All classes and entertainment below are located in the Park at 201 W. Jefferson St. on the west side of the DesPlaines River Please call (815) 724-3761 or go to [bicentennialpark.org](http://bicentennialpark.org) for more information.

September 16 - October 21  
**SATURDAY YOUTH DRAMA CLASS**  
9 a.m.-10:15 a.m.  
(Grades 1-5, \$60)  
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
(Grades 6-12, \$65)  
Open to all levels of interest. Learn creative dramatics with a fun skit at the end of the six-Saturday workshop.

September 22-24 &  
September 29- October 1  
**"INVITATION TO MURDER"**  
8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays  
2 p.m. Sundays  
\$13 advance/ \$15 door  
Latitude 41° presents this murder

mystery of Lord and Lady Lexington, who host a haunted house party their guests won't forget...if they leave alive. Lat 41° tickets: (331) 725-2841

October 7  
**"THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW"**  
8 p.m. \$5  
Watch this cult classic under the stars. Don't forget the toast!

October 14 & 15  
**"THE SPIRIT OF ALL HALLOWS EVE"**  
1 p.m. & 4 p.m. both days, \$5  
Halloween lore weaves through

mysterious adventures of ancient Egyptians to early American settlers. Live theatre show is suitable for ages 6 and older.

December 2 & 3  
**41ST "FESTIVAL OF GNOMES"**  
1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. Saturday  
2 p.m. Sunday, \$5  
Holiday fun for all ages!

December 2  
**"THE DRUNKEN GNOME"**  
8 p.m. Saturday  
\$5  
For mature audience.

December 15-17  
**MADRIGAL DINNER THEATRE**  
7 p.m. Friday & Saturday  
1 p.m. Sunday  
Joliet Drama Guild takes you back to times of yore with dinner and interactive show. JDG tickets: (815) 724-3761

## Rialto Square Theatre

The Rialto Square Theatre is located at 102 N. Chicago St. in downtown Joliet. Opening in 1926, it was originally designed and operated as a vaudeville movie palace, but it now houses mainly musicals, plays, concerts, and standup comedy. Please check the website at [rialtosquare.com](http://rialtosquare.com) for upcoming holiday shows and more or call (815) 726-7171 for information.

October 15 >> 7:30 p.m.  
**THE SIMON AND GARFUNKEL STORY**  
Tickets: \$48.50, \$38.50 and \$28.50  
The immersive concert-style theater show chronicles the amazing journey shared by the folk-rock duo, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. For tickets, please go to [rialtosquare.com](http://rialtosquare.com) or call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000.

October 20 >> 8 p.m.  
**THE ROAD CREW**  
America's Route 66 Band  
\$20 - for tickets, please go to [rialtosquare.com](http://rialtosquare.com)  
Come hear the songs made famous by Elvis Presley, Rick Nelson, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, and more.

October 28 >> 8 p.m.  
**AN INTIMATE EVENING WITH YANNI**  
Tickets: \$225.00, \$99.00, \$69.00, \$49.00  
This fall legendary performer, composer, YANNI will provide fans with a closer look into his world by giving them PURE YANNI, a night of piano and conversation.

November 3 >> 8 p.m.  
**WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY?**  
\$35, \$45, \$57.50 (additional fees may apply). For tickets go to [rialtosquare.com](http://rialtosquare.com) or call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000. Ninety minutes of hilarious improvised comedy and song all based on audience suggestions. Cast members Ryan Stiles, Greg Proops, Jeff B. Davis, and Joel Murray.

November 13 >> 7:30 p.m.  
**THE BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS ROCKS! TOUR**  
Tickets: \$88.50, \$58.50, \$43.50  
Rock in the holidays with Brian Setzer Orchestra's 14th Annual Christmas Rocks!

November 20 >> 5:30 p.m.  
**CELEBRATE THE SEASON**  
Tickets: \$45  
The social event will bring everyone together to light up the holidays. Enjoy delicious treats and cocktails while listening to holiday favorites played by local artists.

## Fall Joliet Park District Activities

The Joliet Park District offers activities for the whole family, with over 50 community parks and our 3 golf courses to the Inwood Athletic Club, and Splash Station Waterpark. Please visit [jolietpark.org](http://jolietpark.org) or call (815) 741-7275 for more information. Just a few of the many activities include the following:

November 4 >> 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**VINTAGE HOLIDAY AND ANTIQUE SALE**  
Bird Haven Greenhouse, 225 N. Gougar Road  
For questions, please call (815) 741-7278.

November 12 >> 7:15 am  
**RED EYE 5K**  
Joliet Memorial Stadium, 3000 W. Jefferson Street  
The Red Eye is Back! Beginning and ending at Joliet Memorial Stadium, the NEW Red Eye 5K is a cross-country style run through Inwood Golf Course. Runners receive a custom hoodie and finisher's medal, and the post-race party will feature our infamous Red Eye bloody marys. For questions, please call (815) 741-7275.

November 25 - January 14 >> 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**POINSETTIA SHOW**  
Come and see the beautiful array of the many varieties of Poinsettias.

Please also join us for the Poinsettia sale on December 2 and 3.  
Bird Haven Greenhouse, 225 N. Gougar Road  
For questions, please call (815) 741-7278.

December 8 >> 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
**DINNER WITH SANTA**  
Bird Haven Greenhouse, 225 N. Gougar Road  
For questions, please call (815) 741-7278.

December 9 >> 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
**BRUNCH WITH SANTA**  
Bird Haven Greenhouse, 225 N. Gougar Road  
For questions, please call (815) 741-7278.